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size, that has ever been in this coun-

try is now here in the hands of a dealer

on Maiden lane, not for sale, but that

he may, if possible, find a mate to it—

a job that he is about giving up in

despair. I have bought diamonds from

him, and can obtain for you the priv-

ilege of seeing this magnificent stone,

if you care to have a look at a gem

that is worth remembering all your

life. When I tell you that it weighs

but three and five-eighths carats, less

a thirty-second; that the owner has

refused over \$7,000 for it, and that he

will cheerfully give \$10,000, or, per-

haps, more, for a mate to it, you will

probably find in those facts a practical

answer to the question if diamonds

have become cheap. Europe and

America have been ransacked to find

its mate, but thus far in vain. A blue

stone of its purity and perfection

of make and size is not known to

exist, either in private collections of

gems, in the hands of dealers, or even

among royal treasures. Not a great

while since the newspapers made men-

tion of a pair of diamonds, then in

New York, that weighed to-

gether fifteen carats and were held at

\$50,000. That seemed like a pretty

good price for stones that are getting

common and cheap, but it is far less,

in proportion, than the worth of this

blue stone. At its determined value,

upon the basis of its present size, if it

was as large as one of that matched

pair it would be worth about \$32,000,

and, as the value of a matched pair of

fine diamonds is far more than double

that of one of the pair singly, two such

blue stones weighing together fifteen

carats would cost almost a King's ran-

som!—far more, any way, than \$64,-

000."

The promised private view of the

wonderful blue stone was obtained a few

days later. It was truly an amazingly

beautiful gem, well worthy of the en-

thusiasm with which the connoisseur

spoke of it. Temporarily set in spring

clamps, for convenience of handling

without soiling its dazzling facets, it

was put beside an absolutely flawless

brilliant of the first water of almost

equal size, that alone had appeared a

thing of matchless beauty. Compared

with the resplendent glory of the other

stone, however, the white one seemed

so pale and so dull. The blue of

this matchless gem is of that

deepest tint that is deemed the

absolute perfection of the diamond,

giving it the highest re-

fractive power and greatest brilliance

of color. All the various and mar-

velously-tinted fires that glow deep in

the heart of the royal opal seemed to

flame in vivid and intensified flames

from its facets. Quivering in the

spring-shanked clamps its changing

play of dazzlingly brilliant color

provoked an optical illusion by which

it appeared to dilate and contract, as

if it were pulsating with life.

The adventures of this regal gem

have been rather romantic. In 1840

it disappeared from among the treas-

ures of Isabella of Spain, but whether

it was captured in the looting of the

palace or was stolen by an officer of

the royal household under cover of

the prevailing disturbances—as is by

some alleged—is undetermined. At

all events, it got to Amsterdam,

where it was recut with great im-

provement of its brilliancy, and

twenty years later was resold to

Queen Isabella, whose circumstances

had bettered in that interim. But by

1871 her vicissitudes had changed

again, and she had to sell it in

Paris. An American gentleman

bought it and brought it over here,

thinking that he knew of a mate

for it, but when the stone he

had in mind was compared with

it the intended match seemed

hardly more than blue glass. Back to

Paris he sent his gem, to have a mate

found for it there, and for several

years the quest was continued vainly

all over Europe. Two or three years

ago he got it back, hoping that in the

mean time the many diamonds bought

in late years by our numerous million-

FULL OF FUN.

—“I say, Jim, if a fellow took sul-

phuric acid what would you give

him?” “I’d give him up.”—*Harvard*

Lampoon.

—Scriptural texts have appeared in

the panels of the L cars in New York,

and advertisements of champagne,

corsets and patent medicines.

—Naturalists say that some birds are

constitutionally melancholy. Be-

cause they can only take a bird’s sigh

view of the world, probably.—*Sit-*

tings.

—“Loife is a constant struggle

against fate,” said the Irishman who

couldn’t find a pair of shoes big

enough for him.

—“Papa, what is patrimony?” “It

is what is inherited from a father, my

dear.” “Oh—and then is matrimony

something inherited from the moth-

er?”—*Life.*

—If the moon was for sale on a bar-

gain counter half the women in the

world would want to buy it, and the

one who did would spend the rest of

her life wondering what on earth she’d

do with it.—*Philadelphia Call.*

—Art Dealer (descending on the vir-

tues of the picture)—“You will ob-

serve, sir, that the drawing is free,

that—” Agriculture—“Well, if the

drawin’ is free, an’ you don’t tax me

too much for the frame, I’ll take it.”—*Epoch.*

—A woman who married a scoundrel

discovered that he had another wife,

and promptly got rid of him. She

declared that half a loaf might be bet-

ter than no bread, but half a loaf

was surely worse than nothing.—

Drake’s Magazine.

Robinson—Brown says that you

owe him \$15, Dunaway. Dunaway (in-

dignantly)—“I do not owe Brown a

cent. I did owe him \$15, but the debt

became outlawed last week. Any man

who will lie like he does ought not to

be trusted.”—*Tell-Bits.*

—She—“Ah, John! Before we were

married you were always wishing you

were one of the Knight of old, so you

might show your devotion; and now—

—He—“Great heavens, Maria, did

you ever hear of one of those old

chivalry fellows jumping up from his

paper to chop wood?”—*Judge.*

—George comes down to breakfast

with a swollen visage, whereupon

mamma says to the four-year old:

“George, don’t you feel well? Tell

mamma what the matter is.” George,

full of influenza, replies: “No, I don’t

feel well. Bof of my eyes is leakin’,

and one of my noses don’t go.”—*Bar-*

per’s Bazar.

—“Worcestershire sauce, sah?”

asked the attentive prospective face-

in an insinuating tone. But Foodie-

bright, who had been vainly endeavor-

ing for some time to separate a mouth-

ful steak from its gristly parent

stem, answered emphatically: “No;

two hand-saws, well sharpened.”—

Detroit Free Press.

THE TRAIN BUTCHER.

He Details His Troubles to a Newspaper

Man from Harrisburg.

My friend, the train boy—I always

make friends with the train boy when

I travel—rested his basket on the edge

of the car seat, and pulling the visor

of his cap down over his eyes, said:

“I never saw such a lot of chumps

on a train in my life afore.”

“What seems to be the matter?” I

asked.

“M

When our excursionists got to "Old Point" they met Col. Cold Wave, of Manitoba, and were delighted with him. The Colonel was invited by resolution to visit Hopkinsville on his return trip.

A Louisville paper is interviewing its readers on "what they would do with a million, if they had it?" We confess this is a puzzling question, but at first blush if the goodly fortune were thrust on us, we would buy Mike Kelly and Bro. McCarty a gas well.

Bill Ellis made a gallant speech for Democracy at Madisonville Monday. Everyone that heard it praises the Owensboro boy in loud terms. As we predicted he is missing no opportunity to defend his principles, and there is no bolder warrior in the field than this same Bill Ellis.

The following gentlemen have been named as an Executive committee by Gen. W. J. Landrum, Chairman of the State Central Committee: A. E. Wilson, Louisville, Chairman; W. O. Bradley, Lancaster; George M. Thomas, Vanclev; Alexander Pearson, Lexington; Matt O'Doherty, Walter Evans and John L. Wheat, Louisville. Louisville has been selected as the headquarters of the committee.

The London press has created a startling sensation by introducing a fiery discussion concerning the kind of bread which our majesty devoirs. One journal contends that the queen does not eat "ordinary bread," but insists on "grain," long fingers of bread named in honor of their inventor. Mr. Labouchere indignantly denies this assertion, and avers that her majesty consumes all kinds of breads, but is particularly fond of oat cakes and scones.

Trinity church, New York, went across the waters and hired an English preacher, you know. Some of the flock kicked at the trade, and the Rev. gentleman was discharged under the law forbidding the importation of foreign labor under contract. Senator Blair now bobs up with a resolution to exclude preachers, artists and lecturers from the rulings of the law, and he might have put in cooks and watering place dudes. Mr. Blair is great on a moral crisis.

The Louisville Commercial wants Albert Willis to make an independent race against Asher Caruth for Congress. Possibly Mr. Willis could be elected if he could get the solid Republican vote joined to his large personal following. As things now stand Willis has no chance for recognition at the hands of the Louisville political machine, and if he ever goes to Congress, he will have to go as an independent. It is now merely a question as to whether he prefers partisanship to a seat in the lower house.

The Caseyville Enterprise offered a list of premiums as an inducement for subscriptions, which were to have been distributed at the Union county fair this week. Fearing that its scheme would prove to be a violation of the law, it has withdrawn the offer and proposes to refund the money to all subscribers who may ask it. The people who subscribed in the hope of getting a premium rather than in appreciation of the merit of the paper, may not have the face to walk up to the publisher's desk and demand their money back, but they will do a power of grumbling.—Ex.

It appears that the Republicans do not propose to nominate a candidate for Congress this year. If they do not, they will have a secret understanding among themselves and vote almost solidly for Gordon, the Prohibition candidate. Gordon was an original Republican of the most intense character and probably has not changed his convictions one iota upon the fundamental principles of the Republican party. He is still a good enough Republican, therefore, for a large majority of that party, and they will gladly vote for him if they think they see an opportunity to defeat a Democrat with him. Gordon is a fine speaker, and will talk only a Prohibition from the stump, but he knows very well how to pitch a wink to the Republicans around the corner. The Republicans could come nearer electing him by a still hunt than by an open coalition with the prohibitionists. If elected he would vote with the Republicans upon every party measure. The Democratic plurality at the last Presidential election was about 4,000. The Prohibitionists polled only a few hundred votes. They claim now, however, very large gains, and, with a man of the mental force and oratorical ability of Gordon, hope to turn their vote up into the thousands, even without Republican assistance. They point boastfully to the large increase in the Prohibition vote all over the United States, and confidently assert that they will show their proportion of gains. We do not believe that this year will equal 2,000, but we do believe it will be mainly drawn from the Democratic party. If 2,000 former Democrats should vote for Fisk and Brooks and Gordon, and 10,000 Republicans should elect him, the majority would be none too large. Democrats had best keep an eye on this Republican-Prohibition Congressional candidate.

A Correction.

WEST FORK, Ky., Aug. 14.—Dear Sir: Being satisfied that your many readers are laboring under a wrong impression (for which you are not responsible) as to the cause of the death of Dan C. Carter, of Christian county, Ky., I feel it my duty as his physician (for eight years) to make the following statement:

I attended him in a spell of sickness in May last, at which time he came near dying of general paralysis, from which he never entirely recovered, and subject at any moment to be stricken down. His old cook and housekeeper told me that a few days before his death he was prostrated in the field, and was unable to rise for four hours. Then his brother, Claud Carter, told me that the day before he died he complained of his feet and legs feeling uncomfortable, as though they were asleep. He also complained to my wife, who met him same day of great pain in the region of the heart; and expected to come to see me soon and consult me about his condition and he healed. When I was sent for, the day he died, several persons were present and heard the message; one of them asked me what was the matter with Dan Carter. I told him I feared paralysis, which I found was so. When I got there I found quite a number of friends, say from six to ten or more, were in attendance. There was no evidence of life about him except the beating of the heart, and breathing about six times to the minute. Inspiration hurried or gasping, expiration slow, which continued about thirty minutes before death. Dr. Allen, living near by, got there before I did, and told me he saw no difference in Mr. Carter's condition then than when he was there, and had nothing for him except to give morphine hypodermically. Mr. Carter believed for the last two or three months he would never get well and said so to quite a number of persons and made his arrangements accordingly. While all this is true, I believe he used no means to bring about the result.

T. S. LACEY.

SINKING FORK.

SINKING FORK, Ky., Aug. 13.—Miss May Wood opened her school at this place Monday Aug. 6 with a full attendance.

One gentleman of our neighborhood who has been a Republican for 30 years, cast his vote for McPherson and West. He is 87 years old.

Miss Emma Wood, of Clarksville, Tenn., is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Miss Lizzie Boales, of your city, is visiting Loozy Hill, at Jesse Paynes this week.

The moonlight at Mr. Samuel Wright's, last Friday night, was quite a success. The boys hopped the calls of Major Ricketts until 1 o'clock.

Mr. Wm. N. Gresham, who sold his farm to Eliza Lacy, last spring anticipates moving to Warren County in the early fall.

Mr. A. G. Renshaw has moved to his father's farm, (Mr. F. H. Renshaw's) near Hellview to live next year. His farm here is for rent.

Mr. Turk Gresham sold water-melons at the brandance last Saturday for a nickle. There has been more melons raised in this part of the county this year than for years before.

Miss Maud M. Hamby is very sick. Mr. John L. Clark is the mail carrier from this place to Hopkinsville for one year, at 100 dollars per annum.

There was a petition here a few days since to move the Post Office. But it did not get changed all the same.

Mrs. Rebecca Penilton who has been living with Jas. W. Garrett her son-in-law, has moved back to her old home near here to live the balance of her days.

Mr. John Davenport had his birthday celebrated yesterday by his children and friends, he being 61 years old.

Mr. L. M. Wood threshed from 16 acres of land 481 bushels of wheat this season, and sold the same at 67 cents per bushel.

Moonlight dance at Forrest Wortham's Saturday night, the 18th. Everybody invited.

Three cheers for McPherson and West. R. P. H. P. M.

The Bethel Association.

This body is to meet in this city next Tuesday. On arrival the messengers and visitors are requested to proceed to the Baptist church, at which place they will find the committee of reception, composed of Messrs. S. G. Buckner, S. Walton Forgy, J. O. Rust and Walter F. Garrett, who will gladly furnish them homes during the meeting.

J. W. Rust, Chairman. The committees on arrangements and reception are requested to meet at Bethel Female College at 8 o'clock Saturday (to-morrow) night.

Bethel Female College.

This excellent institution for the education of girls and young ladies will begin the fall session Monday week. Prof. Rust has evidence of a generous patronage and many young ladies from a distance will be enrolled. The faculty is organized with special reference to the demands of the patrons, and in point of experience and ability is exceeded by none. It is especially desired that the local patrons shall start their daughters at the beginning of the session that they may be promptly classified and start well in their work.

GERMAN POTATOES.

Millions of Bushels Imported Annually by American Dealers. The exporting of German potatoes to the United States is a comparatively new business, a rather small matter now, but growing, and likely to assume large proportions. The United States, it would seem, can not raise enough potatoes to supply the home demand. In 1885-6 we imported 1,937,396 bushels of potatoes, and exported 434,864 bushels, leaving our real deficit at 997,626 bushels. The last crop was said to be about 30,000,000 bushels short, so that it may be set down for an assured fact that for 1887-8 we will be obliged to import much more largely than we imported in either of the two previous years. It is a long time since potatoes were so scarce and so high in the United States as now.

The fact that prime quality German potatoes are bringing \$1 a bushel at retail in the New York market is an "eye-opener" to the farmers who raised them. The 165-pound sack of these potatoes (two bushels, about) which sell for \$2 is equivalent in German measure to 85 kilos; now, if 65 kilos' weight "fetch" \$2, which is equivalent to 8 marks and 50 pfennigs, it follows that 100 kilos will "fetch" \$3.10, or about 13 marks and 8 pfennigs. That people in the United States will pay such prices for potatoes is astonishing to the Germans, and that they can afford to do it is a real "eye-opener" to them.

The finest potatoes that are raised in Germany are quoted at 6 marks, or \$1.50 per 100 kilos, and the next grade at 4 marks, or about 95 cents per 100 kilos. In the retail market in Berlin, a hundred kilos is equivalent to 221 pounds, averaging 221 to the bushel. That is to say, that the bushel of German potatoes that sells at retail in New York for \$1, sells at retail in Berlin for about 55 cents, and the next grade, which probably sells for about 85 cents per bushel in New York, sells for 35 cents in Berlin. The duty on imported potatoes is 15 cents per bushel, hence it would seem that with duty and other expenses added, somebody should be making a very good thing from the sale of German potatoes in America. The German farmers "deny the soft impeachment," while admitting that they get a fair price for their potatoes. It must be that the importers and dealers in New York make the money. So long as German potatoes bring \$1 a bushel in New York, surely the American farmer can not complain of ruinous competition. The business of exporting German potatoes to America is, however, in its infancy yet. The first shipment was made last September, when 8,000 bushels were sent from Stettin; the results were so satisfactory that a regular business was established, and shipments are now made every week.

Germany should have a bad potato year, of course, the exportation would fall off, because the home distillers and manufacturers must be supplied, as well as the town demand for raw potatoes. But the crop is so enormous that it must be a very bad year that does not yield something of a surplus. Germany has no something of a trade with us in potatoes, having shipped in nine months of last year 30,000 marks' worth; that business with the United States, however, is not important, and is not likely to become so, as long as we protect our own starch producers by a tax of two cents per pound on the imported article. The potato business is quite another matter, and, as before said, is likely to assume large proportions.—X. Y. Mail and Express.

Retaining Moisture in Soil.

As the country grows older droughts become more injurious, because the effect of cultivation is generally to diminish the natural capacity of the soil to hold moisture. As the vegetable matter increases the surface becomes hardened, and water from rains and snows runs off instead of sinking into the soil. For this reason many small streams fail, as the water runs away early on the surface, instead of slowly filtering into the reservoirs that formerly supplied them. This is especially true on heavy land, whose capacity for retaining moisture depends largely on the vegetable matter that it contains. It is a common mistake to think that underdraining makes soils dryer in times of drought. On the contrary, it does exactly the reverse. The drain, by removing surplus stagnant water, allows the soil to freeze to a greater depth, and thus become more porous. The value of an underdrain thus increases with the deeper freezing of each successive winter, because this increases the capacity of the soil to retain water. This is one reason why drains should be made at least three feet deep in our Northern climate, so as to get them down below reach of injurious freezing. Generally, however, when the soil freezes so deeply there is no water in the tiles, and if they or the soil around them be frozen it does the drain no damage.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Scurfy-Legged Chickens.

Scurfy or scabby legs in fowls is a disease somewhat similar in character to mange in dogs and scab in sheep. It is due to the presence of a small mite only about one eighth of an inch in length. These mites live and breed in the spongy growth under the scales or scabs. The first thing to be done is to place the fowls in a dry room, where their feet and legs will be protected from mud and water. Then take equal parts of kerosene and lard, and mix in enough flowers of sulphur to make a thick ointment. With a small and soft paint brush apply the ointment to the legs and feet of the afflicted fowls, and repeat the application daily until the scabs disappear. A half dozen applications will usually be sufficient to effect a cure. Caged birds are often afflicted with this same disease, especially when kept in large numbers and their cages are not regularly and thoroughly cleaned.—X. Y. Sun.

Shooting at Lafayette.

Last Saturday, at Joiner's barbecue, near Lafayette, Ed. Brane attempted to arrest Ike Knight for disorderly conduct. Knight attempted to escape and Brane fired, shooting him through the thigh. Knight got away, however, and is now said to be in Tennessee.

CROFTON.

CROFTON, Ky., Aug. 15.—Ellis Long attempted suicide one night last week by taking twenty grains of morphine, but owing to the administration of an emetic by his physician was prevented. The cause is bad health, having been confined to his bed for two years.

We were shown one litter (ten) of five Berkshire pigs by Joe Boyd yesterday, their aggregate weight at the age of a fortnight was one hundred and sixty pounds.

Miss Jennie Dulin, who has been confined to her bed for two weeks of continued fever, is improving.

Jim Nixon, John Myers, Thos. Stuart, Misses Lula Clark, Birdie Johnson and Mattie Chambers took in a part of the camp meeting at Dawson. They all report a good time but the boys pocket books look like an elephant had "got down on them."

Mrs. E. G. M. Lead, of Earlinton, came up to see Miss Jennie Dulin.

Brck.

It Was Merely Fun.

Our readers remember that Schofield Phipps and Mack Dulin, two youngsters, went to Bob Woods' barn, near Fairview, and hung his boy Willie to a cross beam, week before last. A few days since Esq. Fritz investigated the case and found that the three boys were just "playing hanging." Mr. Woods heard of the occurrence while absent from home and swore out the warrant for the arrest of Phipps and Dulin before he learned the true facts in the case.

DOCTOR WHITTIER

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A Regular Graduate of three medical colleges, and a member of the American Medical Association, and the American Association of Physicians. He has been practicing in St. Louis, Mo., for over 10 years, and is well known to all the people of this city. He is a native of New England, and is a member of the American Medical Association, and the American Association of Physicians. He is a native of New England, and is a member of the American Medical Association, and the American Association of Physicians.

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